GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PS – PR&RD Department - Allegations of irregularities in execution of "Construction of CC roads and side Drains, Construction of Compound wall and Kitchen Shed in the villages of Pusuluru and Pamidivaripalem of Pedanandipadu (M), Guntur District" under MGNREGS with matching grant taken up by PR Department - Charge framed - Not proved in the inquiry report - Disagreement factors communicated Explanation received - Examined and Rejected - Imposing a punishment of stoppage of one (1) Annual Grade Increment without cumulative effect against Sri M.A.F.Showry Raja, the then DEE, PRI Sub-division, Prathipadu - Orders - Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 962 Dated: 05-12-2025

Read the following:

1.Vigilance Report No.13, dated 29.10.2020 of DG, V&E.
2.G.O.Rt.No.307, PR&RD (Vig.II) Dept., dated 09.06.2021.
3.G.O.Rt.No.309, PR&RD (Vig.II) Dept., dated 09.06.2021.
4.WSD, dated 06.08.2021 of Sri M.A.F.Shrowry Raja, the then DEE, PRI Sub-division, Prathipadu.
5.G.O.Rt.No.545, PR&RD (Vig.II) Dept., dt.18.10.2021.
6.Lr.No.Rc.No.A1/168/2021, dated.19.07.2025 of Inquiring Authority.
7.Govt. Memo Nos.1317950/Vig.II/2021-5&7, dt.26.04.2025 & 22.07.2025.
8.Representations, dt.23.05.2025&13.08.2025 of Sri M.A.F.Showry Raja, the then DEE, PRI Sub-division, Prathipadu.

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Whereas, in the reference 1st read above, the Director General, Vigilance & Enforcement on the allegation of irregularities in execution of "Construction of CC roads and side Drains, Construction of Compound wall and Kitchen Shed in the villages of Pusuluru and Pamidivaripalem of Pedanandipadu (M), Guntur District" under MGNREGS with matching grant taken up by Panchayat Raj Department, has recommended for disciplinary action Sri M.A.F.Showry Raja, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-division, Prathipadu among others.

2. In the G.O. 2nd read above, Government have initiated common disciplinary proceedings against Sri M.A.F.Showry Raja, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-division, Prathipadu and one other under Rule 24 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991, duly framing the following articles of charge against him under Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 with a direction to submit his written statement of defense, vide G.O. 3rd read above:-

Charge:

That Sri M.A.F.Shrowry Raja, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-division, Prathipadu, Guntur(Presently workng as Deputy Executive Engineer, APMSIDC Sub-Division, Tenali, Guntur District) has committed irregularities and executed with inferior quality in execution "construction of CC roads and side drains, construction of compound wall and Kitchen shed in the villages of Pusuluru and Pamidivaripalem of Pedanandipadu (M), Guntur" under grant of MGNREGS with matching grant taken up by PR Department and he check measured the of inferior quality of 5 works and recommended for payment.

Thus, Sri M.A.F.Showry Raja, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-division, Prathipadu, Guntur (Presently working as Deputy Executive Engineer, APMSIDC Sub-Division, Tenali, Guntur District), by his above mentioned acts, has exhibited lack of integrity, not shown devotion to duty and exhibited conduct unbecoming of Government servant, in contravention of Rule-3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules,1964.

3. In the reference 4th read above, the charged officer has submitted his written statement of defense and the same has been examined and found not convincing and decided to conduct regular inquiry into the matter. Accordingly, in the G.O. 5th read above, Government appointed the Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj Circle, Guntur, as Inquiring Authority under Rule 20(2) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 to conduct inquiry into the charge framed against the

charged officer, Sri M.A.F.Showry Raja, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-division, Prathipadu and one other co-charged officer involved in the case.

4. In the reference 6th read above, the Inquiring Authority has held the charge framed against Sri M.A.F.Showry Raja, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-division, Prathipadu and one other co-charged officer, as not proved.

5. In the reference 7th read above, Government have furnished a copy of inquiry report together with the following disagreement factors to the charged officer, Sri M.A.F.Showry Raja, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-division, Prathipadu and one other co-charged officer, as per Rule 21(2) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 with a direction to submit his representation, if any, within (10) days for taking further necessary action in the matter:-

(i) As per the V&E report, CC cores for roads and drains works are not satisfying the strength requirement for M-30 and M-15 grades of concrete and also deficiency of thickness of roads. But, attained the strength of lower grade i.e., M-25 for M-30 grade concrete. Hence, recovery/rejection was proposed from the agency.
(ii) The Inquiring Authority has stated in the Inquiry Report that (a) there is substantial justification in defense of COs, (b) the works were entrusted and got executed through Grama Sarpanch/nominated person who does not have any technical knowledge, (c) during the year 2018-19 execution of 1068 works in 5 Mandals of Guntur District, with an amount of Rs.9980.38 lakhs, (d) In such unwarranted circumstances, the CO was rendered helpless to undertake effective supervision of the 5 no.of works in question and got executed by/through non-technical nominated village people, and (e) since final payments was not made to the agencies so far and no loss to Government exchequer.
(iii) Further, the Inquiring Authority has stated that, the Government had issued instructions vide Govt. U.O. Note No.1951445/Vig.II/2023-1, dt:16.03.2024 of PR&RD (Vig.II) Department against the Panchayat Raj Engineer Personnel figured in five 5 V&E Reports on SDF (Special Development Fund-works of erstwhile 1.Guntur, 2.Chittoor, 3.Praksam, 4.Srikakulam and 5.Krishna Districts that, not to initiate disciplinary action against PR Engg. personnel and to take further action on the other recommendations of the DG, V&E regarding recoveries of amounts from the executive agencies.
(iv) The present issue in the file relates to the DG, G.A. (V&E) Dept., Vigilance Report No.13(C.No.2151/V&E/Engg./2019-1) dt:29-10-2020 and the UO Note No.1951445/Vig.II/2023-1, dt.16.03.2024 of PR&RD (Vig.II) Dept. issued by the PR Department is not applicable to works covered under the present issue.
(v) The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj has simply forwarded the Inquiry Report as submitted by the Superintending Engineer, Panchayat RG, Guntur in the matter without any specific remarks/recommendations.
(vi)As per the IS 456:2000, the core test shall be considered acceptable if the average equivalent cube strength of the cores (set of three or more) is equal to at least 85% of the cube strength of the grade of concrete specified and no individual core has a strength less than 75%.
(vii) As per Clause 1719 of MoRTH, “if the concrete is found to be acceptable by the Engineer a sub-standard work, the contractor shall be subjected to a reduction in his contract unit i.e., for deficiency in compressive strength of concrete when accepted by the Engineer, the reduction in rate shall be applied".
(viii) In view of the above, the findings of the IA is not be acceptable, since, the works were executed with inferior quality and not satisfied the codal provisions as per IS 456:2000 and MoRTH.”

6. In the reference 8 th read above, Sri M.A.F.Shrowry Raja, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-division, Prathipadu among others has stated that (i)during testing of cores by V&E Department, the compressive strength may be not attained due to insufficient curing only, because of no technical supervisory are available at Grama Panchayat level, (ii) That payment were not made so far for the above works and the reduction in rate of concrete will be applied as per the deficiency in compressive strength of concrete as Clause per the Clause 1719 of MoRTH while making payment, and (iii) cited work load reasons for the deficiencies in the works executed and also agreed with findings of the IA. Hence, he has requested to consider the findings of the Inquiry Authority and drop the charges framed against him.

7. After careful examination the matter, Government hereby impose a punishment of stoppage of one (1) Annual Grade Increment without cumulative effect against the charged officer, Sri M.A.F.Showry Raja, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-division,

Prathipadu and presently working at QA&QC Sub-division, PR, Narasaraopet, Guntur District, under Rule 9(iv) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 in this disciplinary matter.

8. The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Vijayawada, is requested to take further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri M.A.F.Showry Raja, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-division, Prathipadu and presently working at QA&QC Sub-division, PR, Narasaraopet, Guntur District. **Through** the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, AP, Vijayawada.

The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Vijayawada with a request to serve the same on the CO and furnish the acknowledgement copy to the Government.

Copy to:

The Secretary to VC, A.P. Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi.
The Director General, Vigilance & Enforcement Dept., A.P., Vijayawada.
The Panchayat Raj & Rural Development (Estt.I) Department.
The OSD to the Hon'ble Dy.CM for PR, RD, RWS&S and EFS&T.
The PS to Principal Secretary to Government, PR&RD Dept.
The Principal Accountant General (A&E), A.P., Vijayawada.
SF/SC (1317950).

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